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1. DURING ONE OF MY PERIODIC MEETINGS WITH MFA PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY EIGIL JORGENSEN, I DISCUSSED WITH HIM THE INCREASED IMPORTANCE WE INTEND TO ATTACH TO OTHER COUNTRIES' ACTIONS ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES. I ALSO EXPLAINED TO HIM THE ROLE OF THE NEW DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY POSITION ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO FOLLOW MULTILATERAL PROBLEMS
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CLOSELY. IN THIS CONNECTION I THEN RAISED WITH HIM WHAT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED EARLIER THAT SAME DAY IN NAC, THE MATTER OF CONSULTATIONS AMONG NATO ALLIES ON UN DEVELOPMENTS (REFTEL B).

2. JORGENSEN WELCOMED THE U.S. INTENT TO INCREASE CONSULTATION ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES. HE POINTED OUT THAT, FOR EXAMPLE IN COPENHAGEN, THE COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES MEET AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL PERIODICALLY WITH HIM TO DISCUSS MULTILATERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE E-C MEMBERS. INCREASED CONSULTATION WITH THE US WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL, JORGENSEN, SAID, PROVIDED THIS CONSULTATION IS DONE EARLY ENOUGH SO THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICES IN THE CAPITALS HAVE TIME TO STUDY IN DEPTH THE ISSUE AT HAND. HE NOTED THAT MORE OFTEN THAN NOT DANISH REPRESENTATIVES IN MULTILATERAL FORUMS RECEIVE REQUESTS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOR THEIR SUPPORT AT LAST MINUTE, BUT OFTEN DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO CONSULT THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION IN CAPITAL FOR GUIDANCE BEFORE VOTE IS TAKEN. HE THEREFORE URGED THE NEED FOR TIMELY CONSULTATION ALSO IN THE CAPITALS SO THAT FOREIGN OFFICES CAN CABLE INSTRUCTIONS ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO USG TO THEIR DELEGATES AT THE UN, BRUSSELS OR IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORUMS. I SAID THAT I WOULD CONVEY HIS THINKING TO DEPT.

3. JORGENSEN POINTED OUT THAT FOR EXAMPLE ON THE UN RESOLUTIONS IN GUAM AND ECOLONIZATION, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN COPENHAGEN HAD ONLY BEEN SEIZED WITH THE PROBLEM BY THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES AFTER VOTES HAD TAKEN PLACE IN THE UN COMMITTEES. IT WAS THEREFORE MORE DIFFICULT FOR DENMARK TO REVERSE ITSELF THAN HAD THE AMERICAN POSITION BEEN FULLY KNOWN IN COPENHAGEN AT AN EARLIER POINT IN THE DEBATE.
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